

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO MEDICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: CODE BROWN – MISSING ADULT PATIENT

Procedure No: SM-08-004

PROCEDURE STATEMENT

When an admitted adult patient is reported missing, specific responses will take place which include searching for the missing patient, and notification of direct supervisor, house supervisor, Administrator on-call, Health Science Campus Security, and outside agencies, if necessary.

PURPOSE OF PROCEDURE

To ensure the safe return of the missing adult patient.

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The Health Science Campus Security and EHRS will conduct a drill annually. Auxiliary personnel, who will assist health Science Campus Security in the search for the missing adult patient, will include:

1. Environmental Services
2. Facilities Maintenance
3. Grounds (if applicable)
4. Nursing
5. Transport Services
6. University of Toledo Police

In the event that an adult patient has been reported missing the following should occur:

- a. Nursing staff will contact the operators immediately. They will provide a general description of the adult patient.
- b. Security will immediately dispatch officer(s) to last known area and conduct camera sweep to verify the Code call need. If patient is not found within immediate search, Security will notify UT Police for search assist.
- c. Nursing staff will initiate the overhead announcement by contacting the operators. A description should be given to include the following:
 - a. Last Time Seen
 - b. Last Seen Location
 - c. Clothing/Color of Gown
 - d. Age
 - e. Gender
 - f. Height
 - g. Weight
 - h. Color of Hair
 - i. Race
- d. The announcement to be made should include “ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL: CODE BROWN IN (NAME OF BUILDING) including the gender, race, height, and clothing.”
- e. Operators will then send out a UT Alert to the designated group which includes the Admin On-Call.
- f. HSC Security will utilize the emergency radio channel and announce a “Code Brown” including a detailed description of the admitted adult missing patient for assistance from auxiliary departments.

- g. All search personnel will make a search of the building in an attempt to locate the patient. Health Science Campus Security and UT Police will patrol parking areas and any on-duty Grounds personnel will make a check of the outlying parking areas and buildings in attempts to locate the adult missing patient. If the patient is not located the search will be expanded accordingly.
- h. If the missing patient is not located, UT Police may request assistance from other police agencies to assist in locating the patient if there is an immediate safety concern.
- i. Health Science Campus Security will complete an Incident Report.
- j. Nursing Department for which the adult patient went missing will complete an incident report in Safety Net.

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